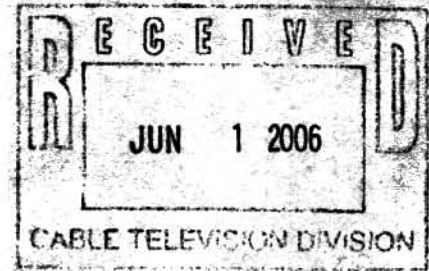




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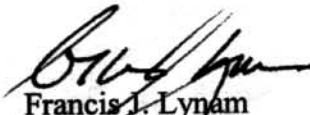
Dear Sirs:

It has come to my attention that Verizon recently filed a proposal to the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy requesting a time line of 90 days for local franchise licensing.

This request is of great concern to me. The reason the time frame for licensing is so protracted is that Applicants sometimes make unreasonable demands and request concessions from the licensing authority that are not in the best interest of the public that we serve. To reduce the licensing period to 90 days would be detrimental to local licensing authorities as it would not provide adequate time for assessment and evaluations of license requests.

It is my hope that the Department of Telecommunication and Energy will not cater to the special interest of large corporations seeking to undermine processes that are intended for the public good.

Sincerely,


Francis J. Lynam
Town Administrator